

**30. AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF PIN BALL  
MACHINES AND SIMILAR DEVICES  
(SEPTEMBER 7, 1942)**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF GROTON:**

- Section 1 - No person shall possess or keep for operation any pin ball machine or other device operated as a game of skill, the use of which shall require the insertion of any coin, slug or token, or for the use of which a charge is otherwise made, without a license having been obtained therefore in the manner hereinafter provided.
- Section 2 - Any person desiring a license to conduct such a device or devices shall make application therefore to the Mayor, stating his name and address, the location and character of the device or devices to be conducted by him, and such other information pertaining thereto as shall be required by the Mayor. Upon the approval of such application by the Mayor, and the payment of the fee as provided in Section 5 hereof, the captain of police of the City of Groton shall issue a license to the person applying therefore to conduct such device or devices for such period as may be prescribed and limited by the Mayor.
- Section 3 - Before approving any such application, the Mayor may require such information regarding the place in which such device is to be operated as he may find to be necessary to safeguard the public from any violations of the law respecting the operation of such devices.
- Section 4 - The Mayor or any police officer of the City of Groton shall have the authority to enter into any place where such device is kept or maintained for the purpose of observing the conduct of the same and whether any laws of the State or ordinances of the City are being violated.
- Section 5 - The fee for the licenses to be issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby fixed as follows: Ten (10) dollars per year for each pin ball machine or each other device operated as a game of skill, and ten (10) dollars per year for each place of business or amusement where pinball machines or other devices are operated as games of skill.
- Section 6 - The Mayor shall assign a license number to each pin ball machine or other device operated as a game of skill so licensed and shall cause said number to be permanently stamped on said machine or device, and a seal bearing the license number and expiration of date of license affixed to said machine or device, and no license shall be transferable from one machine to another.

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Section 7 - Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than one hundred (100) dollars. Upon the conviction of any person, licensed as herein provided, for the violation of any law or ordinance in connection with the conduct of any such machine or device, such license shall thereupon be forfeited and revoked; and the Mayor may revoke such license whenever it appears to him to be to the interest of the public welfare, morale or safety to do so.

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